

WHERE THE CLUB BEGAN ,I4600ERWIN STREET ,HOME OF MRS.LUCY TROTTER SMEAD.

FOREWORD

Sometimes, in our preoccupation with today s problems and tomorrows plans,we tend to lose sight of the events of yesterday which provide the background for a deeper understanding and appreciation of our heritage.

This is as true in the broad scope of our American background as in the narrower frame of our club inheritance. It is fitting, therefore, on this, the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Van Nuys Woman's Club, that as we cast a backward glance at our beginnings and our development through the years, we pay tribute to that handful of intelligent and courageous women who banded together to form a club for the promotion of their own cultural improvement and the general welfare of the community.

To them this historical record is gratefully dedicated.

April 3 , I 9 5 2

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VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

ORGANIZATION AND PROPERTY

On February 22,I9II, the town of Van Nuys was founded,and little more than a year later- on the afternoon of Wednesday,April 3,I9I2, sixteen women of the community met at the home of Mrs.H.S.Trotter for the purpose of organizing a woman's club. Mrs. Trotter was chosen to serve as the chairman and Mrs. W.A. Bowen as secretary.

The group had been meeting as"The Mission Study Class of Van Nuys," but wanted to broaden the scope of their activities. The purpose of the new organization, to be known as the Van Nuys Woman's Club was defined as:" The promotion of mutual information of its members along social,literary and civic lines."

Dues for the first year were $ I.00,with business meetings scheduled for alternate Wednesdays, at 3 O'clock, following a half hour of social intercourse.

The records do not contain a roster of the sixteen present at the organization meeting,but the minuted of the first meeting make mention of twenty women who serverd on committees, as officers,or as hostesses. As they were apparently very active in forming the new club, their names are listed:

Mrs. H.S. Trotter
Mrs. W.E. Bechtelheimer
Mrs.J.L. Baker
Mrs. Wm. Kendall
Mrs. Martha Calhoun
Mrs. G.W. Dickey
Mrs. H.T.Ellington
Mrs. George Drake
Mrs. S.M. La Salle
Mrs. W.A.Bowen
Mrs. T.E.Ivie
Mrs. E.E.Patton
Mrs. D.M.Gibson
Mrs.H.S. HAthaway
Mrs.J. O'Toole
Mrs. C.W. Cole
Mrs. Wm. Young
Mrs.Ida Bailey

At the first regular meeting,held at the home of Mrs. Bechtelheimer, April I7, I9I2,the Constitution and By-Laws were as follows: presented by Mrs.Ivie, chaiman of the committee,and adopted by the membership;

CONSTITUTOIN

Article I.

Name: The name of the club shall be "The Van Nuys Woman's Club".

ArticleII.

Object: The object of this club shall be the promotion of the mutusl improvement of its members along social,civic and literary lines.

ArticleIII.

Members: Section I--All women of Van Nuys and vicinity shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2--Name of applicants for membership shall be proposed in writing by a member and endorsed by two other members who are personally acquainted with the applicant.

Section 3-- Honorary members shall be propored by the Board of Directors,and voted upon by the board and club members at the annual meeting.They shall pay no dues and shall not vote or hold office.

Article IV.

Officers: Section I. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary,Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor .

Section V.

Section 2 of Article IV. These officers with four others shall constitute a Bosrd of Directors.

Article V.

Amendments: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual meeting,providing such amendment shall have been present at the previous meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I.

Membership:- Section I. - A candidate shall become a member of the club upon election by the Board of Directors.Three negative votes shall reject.

Section 2.- Members elected are required to qualify within one month by signing the Constitution and By-Laws,and paying the annual dues.

Section3.- All resignations shall be made in writing, addressed to the Secretary.

Section 4.- No member of the club shall present more than two names for membership,and shall not endorse more than three during the year.

Section 5.- Former members shall be reinstated by vote of the Board of Directors,and upon payment of the annual dues.

Section 6.- Non-resident guests accompaning a member will be admitted free. Resident guests will be admitted twice upon the payment of ten cents.

Article II.

Dues;- All dues shall be $I.00 a year,payable in advance,at the annual meeting.

Article III.

Duties of Officers ;- Section I.-The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings,appoint committees,fill all vacancies in office,sign all official papers,and have a general supervision over the affairs of the club. The Vice-President shall be a substitute in the case of the asence of the President.

Section 2.- The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of each meeting of the club,send out notices and notify all committees of their appointments. The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain such correspondence with individuals and societies as the club may direct,keep a record of the same and note all letters written.

Section 3.-The Treasurer shall receive and pay out all money on the written order of the President,signed by the Secretary and give a receipts for the money received and notify all delinquents.

Section 4.- The Board of Directors shall have power to transact all necessary business that may arise between meetings.

Article IV.

Time of Meetings:- Section I.- The time of meetings shall be at two-thirty P.M.,every alternate Wednesday, beginning April 3, I9 I2.

Section 2; - The Annual Meeting shall be the second meeting in April.

Article V.

Committees;-Section I.- The following standing committees shall be appointed by the chair: Program,House and Membership,Civic, Music, Parlimentary Drill, Home Economics and Philanthropy.

Section 2.- The Program Committee shall provide a program for the regular club meeting.

Section 3.- The House Committee shall provide a place of meeting and shall assist the hostess.

Section 4.- Other committees shall be appointed as the club shall deem it ex pedient.

Section 5.- A Nomination Committee ,composed of three members, shall be appointed by the President at the second meeting in March and shall propose the names of officers for the club at the annual meeting.Further nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 6.-Elections shall be made by ballot.

Article VI.

Rules of Order:- In all meetings of the club,Robert's Rules of Order shall be authority in Parlimentary Law.

Article VII.

Quarum:- Seven members shall constitute a quarum, provided one by an officer.

Article VIII.

Amendments:- The By-Laws may be amended at the regular meeting by two-thirds vote of the members present ,provided the amendments shall have been presented at a previous meeting.

After the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted,a nomination committee,consisting of Mmes. Baker ,Patton,and Gibson,was appointed to select nominees for permanent officers,and at the second regular meeting,May I,I9I2, the following women were elected ,by unanimous vote of the nineteen members present, to head the club during its first year:- Mmes. Trotter, President; Martha Calhoun,Vice-Presinence;W.A. Bowen, Recording Secretary; T.E.Ivie,Corresponding Secretary and Ida Bailey, Treasurer.Appointed to the Board Of Directors by the President were Mrs.Bechtelheimer, W.A.Connelly,E.E. Patton and Fannie Sanford.

The First record of new members admitted to the group is contained in the minutes of the June I2, I9I2, meeting ,at which time Mrs. W.J. Petit and Mrs. A.M.Harrison were admitted to membership.Before the end of the first club year ,however , the roster of members had increased to fifty-one.

These women knew the value of association and believed in the motto of the federation--"Stength United is Stronger."One of their first acts was to apply for membership in the California Federation of Women's Clubsand the Los Angeles District,which application was granted in July, I9I2. Steps to affiliate with the General Federation were completed in February,I924,and in I93I the club affiliated with the County.

During the early years ,the club usually met at the homes of the various members, but on special occasions the Bank Building Hall, the Masonic Hall, the Grammer School Auditorium and even the Piano and Organ Factory Recital Hall served as meeting places. The first Reciprocity Day, for example, was held in the Masonic Hall, February 3, I9I5.

It was inevitable,however , that such an arrangement would not satisfy the members for long and as early as March 1913 , the President suggested to the members that they needed a permanent club "home". A committee was appointed to investigate and report on a possible location,cost of lots, building etc. Minutes of the November 3,1913, meeting record that Mr. H.J. Whitley,the founder of Van Nuys, had promised to donate a lot on Sherman Way for a building site and Mrs. Whitley would give $100.00 towards the building fund. The offer was not accepted,however,and the project remained quiescent for several years. (The Sherman Way of that time extended north , south ,east and west , known today as Chandler Blvd.east ,Van Nuys Blvd.north and south,and the present Sherman Way ,west.)

Finally, on August 30,1916, theBuilding Committee met at the home of Mrs.Ida Bailey who offered to give the club a lot on Virginia Street (now Sylvan Street), with an option to buy the ajoining lot for $550.00 and at that time Mrs.Houghton offered to lend the club $3000.00 at 6% interest to build the clubhouse.

Mrs.Fred Kellog,who was president at the time, called a special meeting of the board of directors on September 5,1916,and the board decided to recommend to the membership that both Mrs.Bailey's and Mrs.Houghton's offers be accepted.In appreaciation of her contributon, Mrs.Bailey was made a life member.

In order to buy and own property ,it was necessary for the club to form a non-profit corporation,andon October 2,1916,ata special meeting held at the Van Nuys High School,nine directors were elected and instructed to proceed with the incorporation at once.

The nine elected directors were: Mmes.Fred Kellog,G.Arthur Bolander Ida Bailey,W.F.Keller, H.S.Trotter,Arthur Streeter, Lewis Bliss, S.O. Houghton,Jr., and Estelle Staley.Articles of Incorporation were duly prepared and filed and the Van Nuys Woman's Club received its charter as a non-profit corporation as of October 3,1916.

Following is a copy of the Articles of Incorporation:

Articles of Incorporation.

Know all men by these present:--- That we , the undersigned,a majority of whom are citizens of the State of California,have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of incorporation under the law of the State of Californis,an association, and in pursuance of said purpose we do hereby adopt these articles of incorporation,and We do hereby certify:-----

First:-That the name of this corporation shall be "The Van Nuys Woman's Club."

Second:-That the purpose for which it is formed are for advancement in all lines of general culture, to do work of charity, to aid in, and take such steps as shall promote civic welfare and improvement, to acquire,own,mortgage and sell such real estate as shall be necessary for the objects and purposes of this corporation; to do any and all things provided for, or which may be provided for in its By-Laws and Constitution and which might be done by a non-stock, non-profit, social corporation.

Third :------ That the place where the principal business transation of the corporation is to be,and its principal business transacted is in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Fourth:------ That the term for which said corporation is to exist is fifty years,(50),from and after the date of its incorporation.

Fifth:------ That the number of directors of said corporation shall be nine and that nine names and residences of the directors who were

appointed for the first year and who are to act until their successors are elected and qualified are as follows:

Sarah E.Kellogg, Van Nuys, California,
Frances Bolander, Van nuys, California,
Ida S.Bailey, Van Nuys, California,
Ruth Keller, Van Nuys ,California,
Lucy Lee Trotter,Van Nuys,California,
Nina Streeter,Van Nuys, California,
Edith Bliss,Van Nuys, California.
Estella L. Staley,Van Nuys ,California, Elizabeth Huoghton,Van Nuys
Elizabeth K. Houghton, Van Nuys, California.

Sixth:------ That said corporation has no capital stock.

Seventh:----That pursuant to a call thereof,THe Van Nuys Woman's Club, an association, was called to order at its regular meeting held on the 27th day of September ,I9I6,at its regular meeting place at 82I West G Street (W. J. Petit's Home) in Van Nuys,City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California;and it was then and there resolved to incorporate the said Association; that the resolution so to incorporate was adopted by a unanimous vote of all the members of the s said Association present,more than two-thirds of the total membership being present at said meeting;that anelection was then and there duly called for the election of directors of said corporation to be held on October 2,I9I6, at the High School Auditorium in Van Nuys, Los Angeles City,Los Angeles County,California;that notice of said meeting in writing was mailed to each and every member of the said Association on September 28, I9I6; that a majority of the members of the said Association who were present at said meeting of October 2, I9I6 , voted at said election; that said election resulted in the choice of the above named directors of the corporation; that said directors received the unanimous vote of all members voting at said election.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereto set our hands and seals this 2nd day of October,I9I6.

Sarah E.Kellogg
Frances T Bohlander
Ida S.Bailey
Estella L. Staley
Ruth Keller
Lucy Lee Trotter
Edith Bliss
Nina Streeter
Elizabeth K. Houghton

State of California, County of Los Angeles,ss:

On this 2nd day of October in the year one thousand and sixteen ,A.D., before me, Lewis E.Bliss,Notary Public in and for said County of Los Angeles, State of Cslifornia,residing therein,duly commissioned and sworn, personally appearedSarah Kellogg,Frances Bohlander, Ida S. Bailey, Estella L.Staley.Ruth S. Keller,Lucy Lee Trotter, Edith Bliss, Elizabeth K.Houghton and Nina Streeter, personally known to me to be thepersons whose names are subscribed to the written instrument,and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In Witness Whereof,I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Lewis E. Bliss

Notary Public in the and for the

County of Los Angeles,

State of California.

State of California,County of Los Angeles,ss.:-------

Sarah E.Kellogg and Ida S.Bailey, being first severally duly sworn depose and say, each for herself,and not for the other,that she is the inentical person herein after named as chairman and secretary respectivelyof the meeting herein referred to of the Associstion known as and called "The Van Nuys Woman's Club",and they,as such officers,make this affidavit and verification ; that the statements made in the Article of Incorporation,of the Van Nuys Woman's Club,an Association,concerning the holding of the meeting of September 27,I9I6,and October 2, I9I6, are true; that Sarah E.Kellogg,one of the affiants therein , was the President of said Association and presided over said meeting,and Ida S. Bailey, one of the affiants herein,was the Secretary of the said Assocation,and acted as secretary at said meeting;that said affiants assumed their respective offices and continued to act as such officers throughout the said meeting; that the results of said meetings are as stated in said Articles of Incorporation .

Sarah E. Kellogg,
Presiding Officer.

Ida S. Bailey,
Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said Sarah E.Kellogg, as Presiding Officer, and by the said Ida S.Bailey as such Secretary this 3d day of October,I9I6.

Lewis E.Bliss
Notary Public in and for the
County of Los Angeles
State of California

The corporate charter, dated OctoberII,I9I6,received from FRank C. Jordon,Secretary of State,State of California,and bearing No.83086, is attached.

Once the decision had been made the members lost no time in pushing the project through,even though the treasury at the beginning of the club year ,in September,I9I6,contained only $I67.25,for these women had courage and vision,and faith in their ability to earn the necessary funds.

Minutes of board and club meetings do not record the business transactions that followed in much detail.But from records available it appears that Lots 2I and22 on Virginia Street(now Sylvan Street) were acquired immediately after the corporation was organized.Architect Reg.Harris(the son-in-law of Mrs.Kellogg prepared plans,which were submitted to the board and were approved,bids were called for. On Dec.2,I9I6,four bids were submitted ,as follows:-J.T.Coleman,$4333.33; R.C.Miller,$4300.00;J.C.Caldwell,$4200.00; and Reg Harris, $3600.00 . The low bid was accepted,work started and the club was able to hold its Annual Meeting,April25,I9I7,in the new building.

At the laying of the cornerstone,March16,I9I7,guests included such civic leaders as General Harrison Gray Otis,H.J.Whitley,President of the Suburban Homes Developement Company,located at the northeast corner of Van Nuys Blvd.and Sylvan street,W.P. whitsett who was salesmanager for the company,and George Hanna.Songs by Mme. Ellen Beach Yaw, noted Southland singer of that day,added to the festivities of the occasion.Aninteresting commentary on the rural nature of the community of that time is the notation by Mme,Yaw,she requested that 50 hens be sent to the Newsboys Home ,in payment for her appearance on the program.

While there is no mention in the minutes of a committee to assemble appropriate material to be included in the cornerstone box,there is no record of what actually was included other than a "copy of formal tender to the Van Nuys Woman's Club of the Lot2I on Virginia Street for the purpose of erecting a clubhouse."In a conversation with Mrs. Kellogg,she recallef that a copy of the Los Angeles Times and the Van Nuys News were included.

Withan eye to business and the need for raising money to build and equip the clubhouse, the members had postcards made showing the building as it would look when completed,and $I7.I5 worth were sold at the cornerstone ceremonies.

At this time,the dues were raised to$2.00a year and an initiation fee wasestablished,$I.00.Since the building would be available for use by other organizations,Mrs.Bailey was appointed the first rentals chairman,aposition which she held for many years.Rates listed include the Episcopal Church,$I.00 per Sunday during the summer,$I.25 during the winter when a fire was needed;P.E.O.entertainment,$5.00;private dances,$I0.00.

Pleased as the members were with their new building,it was not long before they realized that some changes would be required in order to make it even more satisfactory. In I926,while Mrs.B.R.Holloway was president,a building fund was started,and the following year, under Mrs. E.A.Moehn's leadership,$I400.00 was spent in remodeling , principal changes being made in the kitchen and stage.InI934,plans were made to build a caretaker's cottage,to add a solarium to the buildingand to make various other changes.

On April 2nd of that year ,Mrs.J.W.Praiswater,the president,and the officers were authorized to borrow $4000.00 from the California Bank and workproceeded with such dispatch that on June I4th,the closeing meeting of the club was held in the newly remodeled building.

The building committee's report made to the board on July 30,I934, itemized this scope and cost of the work:

Caretakers cottage--$II20.00	Kitchen--$3I5.00
Solarium------ ------$I292.00	Storage--$I52.70
Stage entrance-------$I35.75	Maple flooring in auditorium $286.00 Total

Total cost--$3220.37.

Within ten years the bank had been repaid and at the Birthday Luncheon,January I2, I944, the mortgage was burned.

In the meantime,in November,I926 the club decided to buy the adjoining lot(No.23) for$I600.00,and minutes of the meeting of January 26,I927, carry the notation that the club owned three lots,all paid for. Later, December I2, I945, another lot(no. 24) was purchased for $2650.00-- $II50.00 cash, and the ballance was paid off before the end of the club year. This was while Mrs. R.J.Zarn was president.

Since I934, considerable money has been spent in keeping the buildings in good repair, and in repainting inside and out. In addition, the clubhouse was furnished for the comfort and convenience of the members and the equipment and appointments have been renewed and replaced from time to time as needed. The kitchen, for example , is equipped with a large gas range, electric refrigerator,steam table, as well as utensils, dishes and linens to serve about 250 persons.

Among the "niceties" owned by the club are a Knabe grand piano acquired when Mrs. Steere was president, a silver tea and coffee servic lace table cloths, floor lamps, several very fine paintings.

The paintings include a floral water color by Isabel Scheidt,two landscapes by Puthoff, and an oil by Gray Bartlett. The Puthoffs were purchased through the efforts of Mrs. A.D. Hitchcock, who served as art chairman for some years, at a cost of $750.00,and are now reputedly worth $I000.00 each. Mrs. Rollin S. Henry and members of the art committee who served with her were responsible for the acquisition of the Bartlett painting which bears a plaque in her memory.

From time to time gifts have been made to the club by members,by friends,and by club sections. Unfortunately ,however, the records are not complete,but among those recorded are an upright piano, gift of the RobertMorton organ factory in I9I6;a large American flag donated by Mr. B.R.Holloway in I926; planting and maintaining of the grounds by the garden section, and many other items.

As of the end of I95I, the club owns,free and clear of all encumbfances, the clubhouse, caretakers cottage, and four lots at I4836 Sylvan Street,plus all the clubhouse furnishings,$500.00in U.S. Savings bonds and cash in the bank.

The legal description of the club property is as follows: the North I50 feet of Lots 2I, 22,23,and 24,Block 63,Tract I200, City and County of Los Angeles.

THE VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

Organized April 3, I9I2

Incorporated October 3, I9I6



WOMANS CLUB HOUSE, VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

I9I6-From Architect's Drawings

Post Cards sold as Ways and Means Project.



Pix of Clubhouse 1946



1935 - After addition of Caretaker's
Cottage and remodeling of Clubhouse.
Photograph courtesy Mrs. R. J. Zarn.



1948 - January Snowstorm.

Photograph courtesy Mrs. Winifred Hilbert, Resident Manager.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

The primary purpose of the Van Nuys Club ,as stated in its by-laws,is "Advancement in all lines of general Culture," and from the beginning, its member evinced interest in music,art, literature,and drama.That they were also aware of world events is indicated by someof the discussion topics of the early days,for example,the sinking of the Titanic; the Panama Canal; the great coal strike of I9I2; the world-wide sweap of Socialism;forest conservation; industrial conditions in California; an evaluation of the newly established parcel post project; the Owens bill providing for a national health program and department;the tuberculin test for cattle;traffic problems.

These women were interested not only in increasing their knowledge but in developing their talents as well. For the most part,the members presented the programs which include ,in addition to discussions of current,social,economic and political problems,book and play reviews, music and readings. Fifteen minutes of each meeting were allotted for the consideration of pending legislation,and from time to time ten minute drills in parlimentary procedure were on the agenda. InOctober, I9I5,aClub Institute was held, with the members discussing such topics as:Why a Club;Different kinds of clubs; What a club should ask of its officers; What is the relation of a club to the community;some points on club ethics.

It was only occasionly during the early years that a lecturer was scheduled.Among these appear some well-known names such as Mabel Walker Willebrandt(I920),who was then District Chairman of Legislation; Amelia Johnson and Mab Copeland Lineman,both Los Angeles attorneys, and John Steven Mc Groarty.Later programs list such prominent lecturers and entertainers as Ruth Cornell Fuller, Mrs.Jack Valley,Armine von Tempaski,Kenyon J. Scudder,Louise P.Sooy,Lillian Burkhart Goldsmith, Alma Whitaker,Gilmore Brown and Dana Carver Andrews.

Resolutions adopted from time to time reflect the matters that were of particular concern to women.One,in I9I5,protested"the exploitation of our greatest national recourse,beautiful women,girls and boys in billboard advertising of certain brands of tobacco and cigarettes." Another,in I9I4,urged the abolilition of prize fighting in California. Later ,support of the League of Nations was advocated,and approval of the community property law.The growing importance of the motion pictures was recognized in I925 with the appointment of a motion picture chairman,and in I933 a radio chairman was added.

The philanthropies and community projects which the club has supported throughout the years have been many and varied and it is impossible to record all of them here. The providing of direct help to needy families,in the form of clothing,food, Christmas baskets and gifts, which was an important function for many years,gradually diminished and was finally discontinued and then,aspublic assistance increased and Community Chest, the Red Cross ,the March of Dimes ,Christmas Seals , and many money drives were started the membership gave active assistance.

In I949-I950 when a hospital was projected for Van Nuys area,the club pledged $I800.00 towards the building fund,and through the energetic leadership of the president,Mrs.Paul Bogendorfer,and Mrs.R.J.Zarn,who was the chairman,the entire amount was raised before the end of the year. Plans for building the hospital were delayed,however the money was impounded awaiting further developements.

When the town and the club were young,they participated wholeheartedly in such activities of the growing community as the celebration of the completion of the Los Angeles aqueduct on

November 5, 1913, and of the annexation of most of the valley to the City of Los Angeles on May 22,1915. In 1922 a contribution of $35.oo was made towards the building fund for the Van Nuys American Legion Post,and in 1928 Petitions were circulated "to bring the tree-planting campaign to a glorious finish." Undoubtedely those trees are the oned that are being sacrificed so ruthlessly to make way for subdivisions and street widening.

The club was instrumental in the establishment of a kindergarten and a health center in Van Nuys,and for years sponsored a Mother's Educational Center which met monthly at the clubhouse and was the forerunner of the Child Health Conferences now conducted by the Health Department of the City of Los Angeles.

A Child Welfare Section ,active from1916 to 1943,helped to prodide clothing for needy children,did sewing for the Children's Hospital, paid the doctor who conducted the Mothers'Educational Center,and paid for operations for children whose parents could not afford medical care. Lucy Trotter Smead initiated this project,and later Isabel Mountford carried on as chairman for many years.

The 1924-25 Yearbook lists a series of eleven monthly lectures on child welfare and training given by Dr. Maud Wilde. Topics included, "The Psychology of Fear"; Teaching the Child to Think Right Regarding Sex";The Handicapped Child";"Youth in Conflict." In addition to the lectures, two hours were allotted for mental and physical examinatins of babies.On December 14, 1927 ,which was Child Welfare Day at the club, the program consisted of a lecture by Dr.Wilde on " THe Normal Child,"with"live baby demonstrations."

During World War I the club members were active in Red Cross work and pushing the sale of Liberty Bonds. Later work with veterans included intertaining 80 disabled soldiers from Sawtelle at a chicken dinner at the clubhouse on November 8,1923. World War II found members engaging in Red Crossproduction, U.S.O. activities,Civilian Defence and War Bond sales.

Certainly, not the least of the club's contributions to the general welfare of the community has been its clubhouse which has provided, at a very nominal rent, a home for many local organizations and groups which otherwise would have had no adequate meeting place.

The first yearbook was issued for the club year 1915- 1916, when Mrs.S.O.Houghton, Jr., was president. It lists Officers, committee chsirmen and members,constitution and by-laws,and membership roster of 115 names and programs.

From that time on yearbooks were issued annually, except for the years 1918-1919 and 1919- 1920,and a copy of each yearbook is included in this record.

A review of the yearbooks indicate that there has been an active literature section since 1918, but book reviews were among the most popular programs from the beginning. Minutes of the meeting of September 24, 1913, record that Mrs. S.O.Houghton,Jr.,presented to the club "the first book for the nucleus of a library." This was,"The Fate of the Donner Party,"written by Mrs.Eliza P. Donner Houghton, mother-in-law of Mrs.Houghton.It was planned that each book purchased by the club for review was to be added to the library from which members could boffow books without charge for a two-week period,with a fine of 10¢ per day for those retained longer. Mrs. Martha Calhoun was appointed librarian and the choice of books to be reviewed was assigned to Mrs. Houghton.What became of the project is not recorded.

During the two years that Mrs.R.J.Zarn was president,1944-1946,the literature section was enlarged by permitting non-members to attend upon payment of a subscription fee of $5.00 a year. Mrs. Wilmore Harcus was chairman of this project, which was known as the Friday Morning Litrature Club, and met on the first Friday of the month.

The Art Section is the first section mentioned in the I9I7-I9I8 yearbook. It has been active in acquiring works of art for the club and for many years has sponsored monthly art exhibits in the clubhouse featuring local and reginal artists.A scroll listing sponsors of an Art Salon for the Van Nuys Woman's Club in I924 is included in the records. Early club programs on art subjects include: November 22,I920, a talk on ceramics; December 24,I92I, an Oriental artexhibit; Octoger 28,I927, an art evening.

One of the earliest sections formed was the Music Section. Mostly i it has consisted of a choral group which,since I944, has been under the direction of Ethel Lytle Booth, and has presented many fine programs for our own club and other organizations in the Los Angeles area. Prior to this date, under the capable direction of Mr. Charles Tingle, the chorus ,known as"The Van Nuys Woman's Club Chorus," entered the yearly contests sponsored by the Los Angeles Distric Federation of Woman's Clubs Music Section and won numerous loving cups ,presented by Mr. and Mrs. Kinney ,for the most artistic presentation, musically.

The Garden Section is first mentioned in the yearbook for I926-I927. This has grown to be the largest and most active section of the club and meets regularly, the year around, on the first Wednesday of each month. Many members have studied flower arrangements and have become so proficient that they have won awards and honors at flower shows and exhibits in Southern California. The flower show which the section sponsors annually is one of the outstanding events of the club year.

A Bible Section ,which meets once a month, was started in I929, and features inspirational talks and iterpretations of the Bible passages by local representatives of the various faitjs and denominations.

Members of the Drama Section,which has been active periodically since the early years, have presented plays and entertainment at the club meetings in many instances with almost professional skill.

While legislation has had a prominent place in club activities, it was not until I947-I948 that a legislation section was established, with Mrs.R. J.Zarn as the chairman,which permitted members to discuss matters of importance pertaining to legislative interest in more detail than was possible at regular club meetings.

Close co-operation has been maintained with the schools in the community a and one meeting each year is set aside as education day, at which time the principals of the Van Nuys Elementary Schools, theHigh Schools and more recently,the Junior High Schools are honored guests. On occasion, also, boys and girls who distinguish themselves in some particupar study or activity are given recognition by the club.Since I933 an award of ten dollars($I0.00) has been given each semester to the boy or girl selected by the High School as the outstanding English student.

During the presidency of Mrs. E.A. Moehn a junior auxiliary was formed and met for the first time on JanuaryI7,I927. Itwas a thriving organization for many years and several of its members graduated to active participation inthe parent club and in various other organizatiOns.During World War II,however,pressure of other interests resulted in its discontinuance.

In I944 when the shortage of nurses was acute, the club joined with other federated clubs in efforts to promote interest in this profession and as an inducement one or two girls have each year been provided with a scholarship,originally $50.00 but now increased to $75.00 each, to help cover initial expenses. Mrs. C.I.Thacker has had charge of this activity since its inception. I957,Mrs. Charles Doughty is the Nurses Scholarship Chairman.

From time to time ,in addition to the year book, a bulletin has been issued by the club, and this practice has been revived by Mrs.

L.G.Rainey for the year I95I-I952. Some of the most recent bulletins, as well as the few that are available from past years , are included in this record.

FINANCES and MEMBERSHIP

It is no accident that the club is in sound financial condition. Rather it is a tribute to the hard work, the devotion,and the good buisness sense of its members.

Although the dues have been raised gradually from $I.00 a year to $I0.00,and the initiation fee from $I.00 to $5.00, they never supplied sufficient income.

Many ways of raising money were tried and one of the most successful was the serving of luncheons and dinners for various local organizations. This involved hard work, but the members felt that the financial returns, plus the knowledge that they were supplying a much needed community service, was sufficient reward.

A nostalgic sigh for "the good old days" is aroused by a notation that $I00.00 was cleared at a dinner served in October,I9I6, for which a charge of 35¢ a plate was made. That there were disappointments,too, is indicated by another notation that at a dinner served at the Masonic Hall five dozen plates,cups and saucers mysteriously disappeard. No trace was ever found of them and the club had to foot the bill which greatly reduced the profit for that event.

Since about I945, because of the difficulties of rationing,the increasing cost of food, and the establishiment of numerous restaurants and caterers in the area, this method of fund-raising has been discontinued.

Card parties, teas,fashion shows,rummage sales and raffles are some of the devices which have been and are still being used to build up the treasury. Topay for the grand piano, for example, a hope chest was raffled off. A cookbook was compiled containing the favorite recipes of the members,and copies weresold at $I.00 each. Date of its publication is not given, but it appears to have been in the lateI920's. Because the advertisements it contains are a reflection of the business establishments in the community at the time,and for its historical significance in other ways, a copy of this cookbook is included in this record.

Rentals have been a good source of revenue but much of this money has been required to cover costs of maintaining the garden,repairs, remodeling and improvements.

Many times when funds were low the members wielded brooms and mops, and paint brushes,even plastered holes in the walls,in order to keep the building in good repair, while the women of the garden section have done their share with rakes and shovels,wheelbarrows and hoes, to beautify the grounds, all of which has helped keep down the cost of operation,

The luncheons served on regular meeting days have been intended as a money-raising scheme, as evidenced by the fact until this year, I95I-I952, the price has been held to 50¢. Rising prices, however, have now forced an increase to 65¢. Under the direction of a general chairman a committee of members is selected to serve the luncheons for each meeting --except special occasions--and it is seldom that a member is required to serve on the luncheon committee more than once each year. Again the the price of food has gone up,it was voted to raise the price to 85¢ for the year of I957. The Ways and Means luncheons $I.25.

Members, who pay dues are allowed to vote.The club has sent Honorary cards to the wives of all the pastors of the Van Nuys Church Organizations.For many years of service,Honorary Life Membership Cards have been given to the Charter Members, Past Presidents, Mrs. Walter H.Crippen and Mrs. Charles Lane. The Pressis given Complimentary Membership Cards. Many members of the club have served the newly organized Sierra-Cahuenga District that started this year ,I957. The Van Nuys Club membership,which has always been open "to all women of Van Nuys and

vicinity," started with sixteen and reached a peak of about 300 during the years I945-I947,but for the most part has held fairly steady at around 250.

Do You Remember?

The old High Jinks Days,each section put on a portion of the program, no one knew what was coming.Fancy clothes were in abundance, what style.The literature section presented the Mother Goose Stories and as the Humty Dumty was recited Mrs Hubbel was the egg. The music section had an apartment house fire with all the sound effects,the title was Fireman Save my Child ,at the climax of the opera ,a rag doll was thrown from the third story window and a great cheer was heard .

When we entered a contest at Barker Brother's down town store and won the first prize for the most beautiful table setting.Mrs .Charles Guild selected,from their stock , rainbow colored glass .

The chorus produced a Southern Program for the club and the Music Chairman of the District was a guest,she was so impressed ,she asked the members to repeat the program for the monthly meeting of the District Conference at Barker Brother's Auditorium .

Many times the art section won honors for the avtivities during the club year ,several pictures were sold while on display at the club, attendance of allconferances, the chairman always reserved a booth at the American Legion Bazaar, supported all District benefits and won several pictures that now hang on the walls of the club house.

We checked the money in the treasury,not enough for taxes. What will we do?Have a "Mad March Carnival". Booths with home cooked foods, fancy sewing could be sold, delicious sweetsin another corner with chances on a purse,of course the dinner at night lured the whole family and to entertain them we had a Bowes Talent Hunt ,bell,home talent, some good and some badwith Mr.Tingle playing the part of Major Bowes. Counting the profits we had over $I00.00,more than enough to pay the tax collector and a good time was had by all.

Every year when the grapes were in bloom over the arbor at the home of Mrs.Phoebe Hubbell and the sister ,Miss Ames ,the garden section was invited to come and enjoy their garden and have the potluck feast under the dense foliage of the Eastern Concord Grape . For many years the section was able to use the solarium for its meetings but the main club room is required to provide adequate space for the tables . Many tours have been made to the beauty spots of Southern California .The keen interest in the culture of flowers and shrubs caused them to travel to The District Conferences in other cities and they won many prizes for the largest number from asingle club.

The beautiful May Breakfasts,with the spring flowers.the crisp new dresses,delicious food,companionship of friends and membersand not forgetting the fashion shows by the merchants, modeled by our own members.In past years the music and drama sections provided the programs.

How can we forget the many beautiful tables decorated to honor the birthdays of the members?The Birthday Luncheon has been the most elaborate ,each month of the year was identified by some historical event that occured ,for example, September 9th, Admission Day,June for brides,January ,the rose parade or the new year,yes,we could go on and on telling about the artistry of the tables but space will not permit.

International day brought out priceless treasures from the old country,a dress from Czechoslovakia,worn by the owner; blue china from Holland; teak wood hand carved chairs from China; the beautiful silver candleabrums from England,owned by Edward Everett Horton.We were honored to have his mother as our guest at the English table.The crown of red carnations in the center of the table and young ladies in waiting were dressed in regal red robes. This table won the prize.Many smaller articles from other countries graced the tables. It was an outstanding day long to be remembered.

The two trees in front of the clubhouse were dedicated to Mrs. Ida Bailey and Mrs. Sarah Kellogg. After the death of Mrs. Bailey a bronze marker was placed under the west tree.Three times the east tree was replaced because there was a gas leak at the roots.

How many remember the Chansonettes?They spent hours and hours making satin brocade dresses and bought white wigs to complete the seventeenth century picture. The music used was imported from the old country.They presented many programs in the valley and soon their fame spread to the city and they were busy most of the time singing for the larger clubs in Los Angeles. The music section was always ready to share in the fun days of the club and cooperated with the program chairman. Another outstandig program was the early American folk-songs.

The redwood tree that stands in the center of the new parking lot was presented to the club by Miss.Ames who was a lover of birds. She was able to identify all species and the tree was to be a nesting place for the feathered friends. The song"Trees" was sung at the time the tree was planted.

Poetry,creative imagination.How many have had the desire to express themselves, using metrical composition? We found many hidden talents in the membership when we had a poets day.

Art, the employment of means to the accomplishment of some end. Yes, the named artists have had exhibits of their creations hanging on the walls of the clubhouse.Our own artists were given a month each year to show their artistry,water colors,oil and pastels. Art is not always created by the brush, the molding of clay can depict the beautiful in the hands of the artist; the creation of a cake; playing a role in a play; keeping books and accounts is an art;playing an instrument, directing a chorus,singing a song,composing music; even managing the club in a business like manner,is an accomplishment that can be credited to art; last but not least, the keeping of the clubhouse in order and the garden growing is art long to be remembered.

The Bible Section had a saint on earth in the beloved David Farquharson,who gave us spiritual admonition,history of the Bible and many hours of pleasure.His Scotch humor was a joy to hear.

The real meaning of life is service.
The real meaning of service is working together.

The theme for 1957.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

RANCHO LOS AMIGOS HOSPITAL
7601 EAST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY
DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA

EUGENE R. ERICKSON
Director

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES
WILLIAM A. BARR
SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARITIES

SPRUCE 3-4331
TOPAZ 9-0921

January, 1960

Dear Friends:

If you have ever been ill for any length of time, you can well appreciate what a wonderful feeling it is to have a thoughtful friend stop by to chat, entertain, bring some homemade cookies or a gift. During the recent holiday season you brought this kind of feeling to the patients of Rancho Los Amigos Hospital.

The kindness you showed this Christmas made it one of the nicest they have ever had.

It means so much to all of us to be remembered. On behalf of the patients we wish to thank you for remembering them.

Gratefully,

Eugene R. Erickson

Eugene R. Erickson, Director

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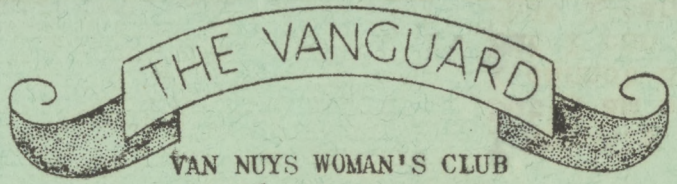
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Van Nuys Women's Club
14836 Sylvan Street
Van Nuys, California

SENT AT CHRISTMAS

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VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB
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VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB

THE VANGUARD

April, 1959 Mrs. R. L. Ellis, Editor. Vol. 8 No. 9

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I AM ONLY ONE

I am only one
But I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But I can do something.
What I can do
I ought to do;
And what I ought to do
By the grace of God I will do.

Frederick William Farrar.

To all those members and their director Kay Shillock who gave of their time and talent to make our "Varieties of 1959" a special day of our year, Thank you ...

Sincerely, Beulah Baker (Mrs. George L.)

REGULAR MEETING - April 8th.
Program - John Lee, Words & Music.
Report of Nominating Committee.

REGULAR MEETING - April 22nd
Program - Youth of Today
Election of Officers.

NEW MEMBERS - Welcome!
Mrs. Florence Bullock,
5432 Allott Ave.,
Van Nuys. ST 5-8235
Mrs. Howard Ceiley,
6913 Bevis Ave.,
Van Nuys. ST 6-9730
Mrs. R. E. Dean,
14322 Miranda St.,
Van Nuys.
Mrs. Barbara Holt,
19471 Rosita St.,
Tarzana. DI 4-0422
Mrs. Helen Hungerman,
15038 Kittridge St.,
Van Nuys. ST 6-7893
Mrs. Lawrence O'Connor,
5655 Ventura Canyon Ave.,
Van Nuys. ST 0-8136

SPRING DINNER DANCE - April 24th.
Sportsman's Lodge.
Cocktail hour 8 p.m., Dinner 9 p.m.
Tickets will be on sale at Club each meeting or call Mrs. Walter Keeshen, ST 5-2498.

A NEW BRIDE - Dorothy Sears and Mr. Dan Fleming were married March 26th in Carson City, Nevada. Congratulations and best wishes.

ART: The artist exhibiting this month is Maria Berger Smeradli.

ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SHOW & TEA
April 18th 2-5 p.m. 7-9 p.m.
Admission 75 cents.
Sponsored by the Garden Section.
Members and friends are urged to make entries in the varied classes. Sweepstake Trophy will be awarded for the best Flower Arrangement, and ribbons presented in the various classes. LET'S HAVE LOTS OF COMPETITION. For further information, call Mrs. Norman Kramer, ST 4-4457, Chairman, and Mrs. F. Buerck, ST 6-6883.

BIBLE - April 8th, 11:00 A.M.
Solarium.
Speaker - Father Eugene Buhr.
Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

CARDS - April 6th - 12:30 P.M.
Dessert and cards. Make reservations with Mrs. Dwight Collins, ST 6-1530, Chairman.

GARDEN - April 1st, 11:00 A.M.
Mrs. Helen Carswell, Editor of Pacific Rose Society News, will speak on Rose Gardens and Styles in Roses. Be sure to bring your friends, as this will be a program of interest to many. Bring your own sandwich. Cake and coffee will be served by Mrs. Hotz and her committee.
Mrs. Dan Fleming, Chairman.

LEGISLATION: April 22nd, 11:00 A.M. - Solarium.

A REMINDER: Bulletin deadline is the 20th of each month. Has your item been submitted? Call Mrs. R. Ellis, ST 9-6851.

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BY-LAWS Additions and Changes - Adopted November 26, 1958.

ARTICLE IX - SECTIONS

Section 1

Sections for special studies or work may be established by the Executive Board of the Club upon the request of ten members, each of whom shall pledge herself to become an active member of the Section, and one of whom shall be willing to take the Chairmanship.

Section 2

All members of Sections shall be members of the Club and all Club members shall be eligible to membership in any Section.

Section 3

Each Section shall have a Chairman, appointed by the President (subject to approval of the Executive Board), who shall present an annual written report of the Section's activities and finances to be read at a time determined by the President of the Club.

The Section members may have such other officers as they consider necessary.

Section 4

Minutes of regular meetings and financial records of each Section shall be kept as a permanent record.

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of Section business.

Section 5

Section fund-raising events and projects shall be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 6

Approval of the Executive Board shall be obtained by each Section for regular meeting dates and use of Clubhouse facilities for other occasions.

Section 7

No Section shall have authority to incur any indebtedness binding upon the Club unless approved by the Executive Board.

Section 8

Section members may adopt Standing Rules for the operation of the Section which shall not be in conflict with the Club By-Laws and Standing Rules, with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 9

No Section shall become affiliated with any outside organization.

Section 10

Each Section shall be self-sustaining. If the question of engaging a paid instructor should arise, or the purchase of supplies and/or materials for members under instruction, the Section shall assume full responsibility.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Last sentence - strike out "Fifteen" - and change to "Twenty-five percent of" members shall suffice for a quorum - etc.
Section 5 - Strike out last sentence - "Sections shall be governed by the same rule."

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY - Change to ARTICLE X.

ARTICLE X - Change to ARTICLE XI.

ARTICLE XI - Change to ARTICLE XII.

STANDING RULES

13. The books of the Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Rental Chairman shall be audited semi-annually by a public accountant.

14. Expenses of the President, to the District and State Conventions, shall be paid by the Club. Delegates' and/or alternates' expenses for conventions shall be approved by the Executive Board each year.

Additional By-Law changes - next month's Vanguard.

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Scholarship Van Nuys Woman's Club.

Description

Donar - Van Nuys Woman's Club

Address 14836 Sylvan St. Van Nuys.

of awards. one

Period of time 1 year

Field of Specialization of Teaching

Eligibility Requirements

Student Status - Senior women

academic record - Top 10% or B ave.

Shall show financial need -

Personal qualifications.

Shall have participated in extra curricular activities (school - church or civic) which would show a suitability for the teaching profession. She shall have an interest in and an ability to work with people.

Application procedures.

Applicant shall submit by April 1st

1. small recent picture.

2 Statement of about 100 words telling of her goals in life.

Selection of winner

The winner will be determined by the committee on scholarship on the basis of school record, promise in her chosen field, character and need.

Com. - Mrs. Peter Marshall, Verne Patten, R. S. Fuller

Scholarship date
Fr. Fuller

Mrs Charles Lane.

1958 - 1959

SIERRA CAHUENGA DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

1st PLACE AWARD
is presented
to

THE VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB
for
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF LEGISLATION & GOVERNMENT

Their Legislation Section meets once a month, with an average attendance of 65 members. Mrs Howell C. Mcdaniel Ch. Mrs Thomas Blackwood, Co-Ch.

They have written 485 letters and interviewed 47 City, County, State or Federal Officials, and have had Speakers from County, State and Federal Offices.

98% of the Members reported voting in all elections during the year.

1 Member is serving on a Special Federal Grand Jury.

1 Member is currently the Chairman of the Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission.

3 Members are serving on the State Central Committees of the Party of their choice.

1 Member is on the County Central Committee of her party(an elective office).

1 Member served as San Fernabdo Valley Chairman of the Campaign for re-election of the Congressman from the 22nd District.

1 Member was Precinct Chairman for the Van Nuys Area

2 Members served on the Campaign Committee to re-elect the Assemblyman from the 64th Assembly District.

Mrs George L. Baker

Mrs George L. Baker, Chairman
Legislation & Governmental
Affairs Department
Sierra - Cahuenga District
California Federation of Women's
Clubs

1959.

Scholarships & Awards.

English awards -
Marcia Hendler
Charles Perry.

$250.00 Scholarship.
to General scholarships at
San Fernando Valley State
College - Northridge -

Nursing scholarship - $75.00
Jacqueline Sness.
14031 Marrison Street
Sherman Oaks - Calif -
St 4-7654

Going to UCLA to earn
Masters degree in nursing educ.

IMPROVEMENTS BEFORE 1960.

THE SOLARIUM WAS REDECORATED BY THE CLUB MEMBERS, EVEN THE PRESIDENT WAS ON THE LADDER WIELDING THE PAINT BRUSH.

THE CLUB HOUSE WAS PAINTED AND A NEW ROOF ADDED .

NEW DRAPES PLACED ON ALL OPENINGS, FIREPROOFED FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL.

THE KITCHEN WAS MODERNIZED TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF RENTERS AND CLUB MEMBERS. A MODERN STAINLESS STEEL DRAINBOARD, DISPOSAL, A LARGE WATER HEATER AND NEW DISHES.

1959, THE GARDEN SECTION PRESENTED THE CLUB, A COMPLETE SET OF SILVER.

A USED PIANO, RENEWED, REPLACED THE OLD ONE IN THE SOLARIUM. THE OLD PIANO SERVED MANY SOLOISTS AND CLUBS FOR MANY YEARS.

IN THE LADIES LOUNGE, A NEW SETTEE WITH GAY PILLOWS WAS ADDED TO THE REUPHOLSTERED CHAIR AND LOUNGE AND A MARBLE TOPPED TABLE WITH A NEW LAMP WAS PLACED IN THE CORNER TO GIVE THE ROOM A NEW LOOK.

MRS. LINDLEY, IN MEMORY OF HER LATE HUSBAND, PRESENTED THE CLUB A BEAUTIFUL OIL PAINTED LANDSCAPE. TWO MONTHS LATER SHE PASSED AWAY.

THE ENTIRE ELECTRIC WIRE SYSTEM WAS REPLACED TO SATISFY THE DEMANDS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THE BUILDING IS MADE OF WOOD. WE ALSO ADDED A CRASH DOOR AND PROVIDED ANOTHER EXIT AT THE CORNER OF THE AUDITORIUM.

THE TWO WEST LOTS WERE GRADED , RESURFACED AND LINED FOR A MUCH NEEDED PARKING LOT. A STONE FENCE WAS PLACED AROUND THEM AND THE GARDEN SECTION BOUGHT PLANTS TO BEAUTIFY THE FRONTENTRANCE. THE ROSE GARDEN WAS MOVED TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE CLUB HOUSE AND THEY SHARE THEIR BEAUTY WITH MANY A PASSERBY. MANY GARDENIA PLANTS HAVE BEEN WON BY THE GARDEN SECTION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE DISTRICT CONFERANCES AND PLANTED AROUND THE MAIN CLUB BUILDING. THE REDWOOD TREE GRACES THE CENTER OF THE PARKING LOT,

"CONTINUED"

A NEW DISTRICT WAS FORMED TO BE KNOWN AS THE" SIERRA-CAHUENGA DISTRICT".LESS CLUBS AND CLOSER TOGETHER.

THE GARDEN SECTION SPONSERS A FLOWER SHOW DURING APRIL.A LOVING CUP IS GIVEN BY THE VAN NUYS NEWS FOR THE SWEEPSTAKES WINNER. LOCAL AND CLUB EXHIBITORS ARE AWARDED BLUE RIBBONS FOR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AND SPECIMENS.

FASHION SHOWS, DANCES,DINNERS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS HAVE PROVIDED FUNDS FOR BETTER PROGRAMS. WE SPEND OVER SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PROGRAMS EACH YEAR,QUITE A DIFFERENCE FROM 1912.

THE BIRTH OF NEW ACTIVITIES

MRS.BROWN-U.S.O AND NURSE'S SCHOLARSHIP.

MRS.WIBRAY-RED CROSS,IT WAS LIKE A SUNDIAL,MANY HOURS OF SUNSHINE. THE MORGAGE WAS BURNED.(THREE CARETAKERS IN ONE YEAR)

MRS.BORENDORFER-LEGISLATION SECTION AND HOSPITAL FUND RAISED.

MRS.RAINEY-"THE VANGARD",NEWS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES SENT TO MEMBERS EACH MONTH." IT IS NOT THE NAME BUT WHAT IT SAYS,THAT PROVES ITS WORTH.

MRS.POST-THE REPLACING OF MRS.GILBERT BY THE HANSEN FAMILY AS CARETAKERS.1952-1959. A CLEAN HOUSE IS A JOY TO LIVE IN AND INVITE GUESTS.

MRS. CHAPMAN- A NEW MUSIC SECTION. THE LANGUAGE OF ALL PEOPLE.

MRS. MC DANIEL-THE PARKING LOT.NEW DISTRICT ORGANIZED IN THE VALLEY.

MRS. WILSON-- NEW SCHOLARSHIP.GIVING AN OPEORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JOE HOLT

November 1959

Dear Friends:

This American Flag with 49 stars flew over the United States Capitol.

It is representative of all America... and "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Let us always honor and respect our American Flag... and Keep America Strong:

Sincerely,

Joe Holt

Van Nuys Women's Club
14836 SYlvan Street
Van Nuys, California

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Van Nuys Women's Club
Van Nuys, California

JOE HOLT

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 17, 1959

Honorable Joe Holt
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Holt:

This is to certify that the enclosed flag has flown over the Capitol of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

J. George Stewart

J. George Stewart
Architect of the Capitol

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO VAN NUYS WOMANS CLUB

1959-1960

As your president this past year it has been my privelege to serve you to the best of my ability. Your confidance in me last June has been a challenge this past year. I sincerely hope that it has been a happy year for all of you.

Our achievements this year have been many. When I was compiling them for the yearly report to our district president I realized that service to others is part of our code.

Spiritually we are a very strong club. Our Bible Section which has been under the guidance of Mrs. Wm. Voss is one of the most active in the District. We received honorable mention for our work at District convention.

Tying closely to spiritual values is our desire to have a better government. Legistlation by clear thinking and good men and women is very important to all of us. Under the leadership of Mrs. Howell McDaniel we worked to educate ourselves to think the question out and not to accept others ideas blindly. The working hours handed in by our club for legistlation were 3,764 hours.

What better goal could any club have than the desire to help young people in furthering their education. Our beautiful annual Fasion Show under the chairmanship of Mrs. Milton Morley made this possible. Money raised for scholarships comes primarily from the Fashion Show. This year we gave scholarships amounting to $600.00.

Community service, Health and Welfare, Indian Welfare, Veteran affairs and Institutions made donating time seem worth while when I listed the hours of work which were donated by our members.

Hospital work, church work, international affairs, education, legistlation, narcotics etc all are part of community service.

Mrs. Reed your first vice president helped my compile these hours. They totaled 13,956 hours.

Mrs. D. Wendell Reid through her efforts and those of her committee brought into full bloom a fine literature section. Billie Burkes' name drew a capacity turnout of members and their friends.

Our wonderful Garden Section under the guidance of Mrs. Henry Stratton worked very hard while having a really good time. Their very beautiful gift of silver trays to the club were certainly appreciated the the Tea Committee for the Flower Show. The Flower show under the General chairmanship of Mrs. George Weaver was an outstanding one this year. The Christmas decorations for the club and all the wonderful decorations for the club meetings were in the capable hands of the Garden Section. The beautiful corsages worn during the year by your president and recording secretary as well as those given to our important guests were made bye the g fted hands of Francine Lane. How I ask you, can you express enough appreciation to thses wonderful people.

I havent attempted to mention the names of all of you who have contributed to our club year. Each of you however has a very sincere thank you from me.

THE membership chairman enters into the piecture with an increase of 27 new members this year including re-instatements.

New members under the guidance of Mrs. Paul Murray will gradually assume the role of importance in our club activities.

Our talented Art Chairman, Mrs. A.E. W. Greaves added an entirely new field to the Art Section. Members of our club took instructions in painting this year. Added to the beauty of our monthly art exhibits were the talent of our own members who had their show during May and June.

The board this year has worked to keep the ship we launched las installation day in good repair and on a paying basis. The board members attended meetings through the year on the first Friday of each month and worked out the problems which are always present. They are also always filling in when needed in an emergency. May I say "Orchids" to you and thank you members of the board for your cooperation and patience this year.

Thus you have the report of your president for the past year 1959-1960. It has been a year of happiness, some sadness, work and growth.for me. I wish to thank you for a year of "friendli-neww!/, and lots of happiness.

Dorothea M. Neel, Pres.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1960-1961

Members of the Van Nuys Woman's Club,

As your president the past two years many reports have been heard by you regarding the progress we made in our aims. The report which I gave at the close of my first year as president was a good one. This year we have gone beyond my greatest expectations in what we have accomplished.

The theme of our club year "Life's Golden Key of Knowledge Opens Many Doors" was a challenge to us as women of a large well organized and loyal federated club.

The knowledge which you have gained as members of the board, chairmen and members I do hope will prove of value to you.

There has been an opportunity each month to attend the Legistlation section meetings. There have been many fine speakers on all subjects of government which you could hear and enjoy. Of course I know you did not always agree with their ideas, but, that is one of the wonderful blessings of this our great country.

Programs which made you think, programs which entertained you, and programs which bored you came each meeting. But I have always felt that it is impossible to please every one in an organization this large. On the whole I do think our programs were very outstanding .

Our great thirst for knowledge is only one field in which we opened a door.

Our Spiritual values are the one thing to which we all turn and evaluate within ourselves what we have donefor our friends as well as for ourselves. No man can look into the mirror of the years past and be happy with what he sees if in the dim background of the reflected picture there is a faint hint of a hurt done some one or a bit of thoughtlessness which has been almost buried in his conscience. Our Bible section has grown in proportion to our needs. There has been a chance each month to meet friends and do a bit of thinking so that we may understand that in the long run it is only a single goal that we are all aiming for. The hope of love and understanding of our friends and neighbors.

Our Garden section has bloomed under the leadership of a very fine Chairman and her committee. It is this section which seems to extend its hand of friendship out to the new and perhaps bewildered member who asks "How can I get acquainted?".

Literature, the great passion of many of us and the joy of the knowledge which can be obtained from the wonderful written wordfor all of us. The Literature section had a very successful year and seems to have been reborn onee more as a vital part of our club education.

Indian Welfare our most important effort to help others is always rewarding the the results. How proud we can be of the wonderful work put into this our favorite mission of giving. Without a feeling of helping others we can not serve ourselves to our fullest extent. This world to be lived in is one which a helping hand at any time to a friend puts one more stone in place as we walk along the path.

We received awards for our endeavors this year from the Sierra Cahuenga District at convention. Garden, Bible, Indian Welfare, Civil Defense, Local History . These awards are in the Awards book.

Twenty-five thousand hours were donated by the women of this club to further the need of welfare, government scholarships, etc. They say "time is valuable". Yes I agree time is valuable, but let us not be selfish with it. Share it with those who can use some of it, those who will turn it back to you with a dividend attached.

The members of the board have given you wonderful service this past two years. They are responsible for the material things you have and own. Thousands of dollars which are invested in this building and the surroundings. You entrust this responsibility each year and know that to the best of their ability it will be taken care of. The upkeep on old buildings is a problem. Therefore you must keep them painted, and in repair at all times. This we have endeavored to do. I feel that it was well done. New linoleum, a new ceiling, and new paint inside. We will not try to list the small things that your housechairman had to attend to.

Each chairman has done her job well. I congratulate them in their endeavor and know they themselves have enjoyned serving you.

Flower shows, Fashion shows, Family Night, Dramas, this is where rhe support of the club activities is most important. This is the means by which you can carry out the philanthropies which which are undertaken each year. English awards, nurses scholarships and educational scholarships these are important .

We must not forget we are a federated club and a member of a very strong group of women who are looking forward at all times to see what they can do in the future.

Keep that knowledge which the golden key has made possible for you. Use it to the best of your ability. We do not ever lose that which we have worked for. Your club has been an emblem of good things in the community for almost fifty years. Treasure those friendships which it has made possible.

Before I close this report may I tell you something which is hard to say. Will you each and everyone believe me when I tell you that because of you I have been able to grow mentally, and spiritualy and I hope truly more understanding of people. Two years ago I undertook this trusteeship with some knowledge of what was ahead but not entirely sure I could do it. Without your absolute and sincere friendship and tolerance, many times I would have turned around to look back and wonder why I had ever felt I could do this job.

My strength during the time when my family was torn xxxxxx by the sickness of my husband and the unspoken fear of myself and our sons for their fathers life, was drawn from you. Do not think I shall ever forget the prayers, the loyalty and the deep understanding which you poured forth at that time. May I say "thank you dear and wnderful members of the Van Nuys Woman's Club.

Sincerely in gratitude for what you have done for me my blessing go to each of you,

Dorothea M. Neel Pres.

ON LOOKING BACK

The hill looked big a mile ahead;
I thought I'd never reach the top.
A dozen times or more I said
Unto myself; "You'd better stop;
You'll never, never make the grade.
It's more than you can do, you'll find.
But when at last the climb I made,
The hill looked small a mile behind.

The road seemed long when I set out;
I thought I'd never reach the end.
And I confess it was with doubt
I looked upon each turn and bend;
But looking back when I had passed
From end to end with steady gait.,
What had appeared at first so vast
A distance didn't seem too great.

My troubles looming up before
Seemed insurmountable to me.
And no way out, on sea or shore,
Of hopeleas ruin could I see.
But still I kept upon my way
And one by one I waded through them/
And looking back on them to-day,
It seems that there was nothing to them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 1963-64

My report will be quite short because you have already heard reports from your Chairmen at the last meeting and heard of our achievements.

During the year, I have tried to do all the things a President of a Club usually does and maybe a few she usually doesn't do - one being instrumental in the deferrment of a draftee so that he could have his wedding and reception at our Club-house as pre-arranged. This was one thing my husband was shocked to find I had poked my nose into.

I have presided over all meetings, Board Meetings and attended all District Federation meetings for which I received a 100% attendence award. I represented the club at 8 reciprocities, travelling as far as Lancaster and found this one of the may enjoyable duties of being your president.

I feel that we carried out to the fullest our theme for the year Fun, Friendship & Participation, for surely we have all known the fun of working together and enjoyed the laughter from our many humerous programs. We tried to provide the opportunity for all to participate in some phase of the club's numerous activities and, I trust, you have all found and enjoyed the feeling of friendship which exists within this club.

Your Board of Directors and Chairmen have been a joy and pleasure to work with. You owe them much for they are the ones who set the policies of your club and see that your wishes are carried out. Your Bible, Garden and Legislation Sections have, as in the past, filled your spiritual, creative and intellectual needs. However, nothing could have been achieved without you, the membership. You have been truly wonderful, supporting everything wholeheartedly.

I appologise for any mistakes I have made during the year. May I say, that at all times, I have only had the club's best interests at heart.

My presidency has been an interesting challenge in my private life also. Somehow, during the past year, I managed to move into a new home,

temporarily was your Rental Chairman during Ella's illness, raised and sold a litter of bassett pups, became treasurer on and off for several months while your treasurer was away, and kept a husband and two children happy and well-fed without having to resort to frozen T.V. dinners.

Perhaps my feelings about the past months can best be expressed by the following poem:-

Thankyou for everything,

Sincerely,

Phyllis E. Ellis, President.

30-A Van Nuys, California NEWS Sunday, Dec. 2, 1956

Last Rites Set for Founder of Van Nuys Woman's Club

Lucy Trotter Smead, 83, pioneer of Van Nuys, founder and first president of Van Nuys Woman's Club, died Friday in Hermosa Beach where she had lived for the past 20 years.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach where she was an active member.

Bought Eighth House

A native of Illinois, she came to California in 1897 and lived in Northern California, then moved to Redlands.

Mrs. Smead and her first husband, Howard Trotter, came to Van Nuys and bought the eighth house that was built by W. P. Whitsett, founder and developer of Van Nuys.

Her husband operated a general store here.

Mrs. Smead was always a leader and ardent civic worker during her residence here and many of the local communities, activities stem back to her leadership and organizing ability.

Sponsored Clinic

She founded the Van Nuys Woman's Club April 3, 1912, and served as its first president from 1912-14. For many years she returned to visit the club on its anniversary.

In its early history she also sponsored a well-baby clinic which was held at the Woman's Club house once a month and was open to the public.

Mrs. Smead, then Mrs. Trotter and her husband, were charter members of the First Presbyterian Church of Van Nuys. She was one of the first Sunday School teachers in the church, was active in the Missionary Society and organized the Westminster Guild in the church.

Survived by Sister

Following Mr. Trotter's death she was a widow for several years and then remarried. Her second husband, a retired physician, also is now deceased.

Mrs. Smead is survived by a sister, Mrs. E. L. Denning, 4729 Vista Del Monte.

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Mrs. Sarah E. Kellogg Dies

Mrs. Sarah E. Kellogg, 86, who represented the San Fernando Valley in the State Assembly in the 1930s, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reginald Harris, 1953 La Salle Ave.

A Southland resident for 70 years, Mrs. Kellogg was active in Republican politics and was a delegate to the 1928 convention which nominated Herbert Hoover for the Presidency. She also leaves a sister, Miss Corrine Carr of Los Angeles, and a granddaughter.

Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday in the Pierce Bros. Los Angeles chapel. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday in St. Agnes Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Myriam L. Drake Died Yesterday at Norco Home

Mrs. Myriam L. Drake, 85, passed away late yesterday at her home at 3985 California avenue, Norco, where she had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Ella D. Miles for the past several years. She was born Jan. 5, 1870, in Hill County, Texas, and came to Lake County in the San Francisco area with her parents at an early age. Following her graduation from the Fabiola Hospital in Oakland in 1895 she worked for several years in the Bay area as a registered nurse. She came to Southern California in 1912 and made her home in Van Nuys, moving to Norco in 1950.

Mrs. Drake is survived by one son, George H. Drake of Hollywood, formerly of Norco, her daughter, Mrs. Ella Miles of Norco, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Ernest Howard of Dilly, Texas and Harold Howard of Oklahoma, and three sisters, Mrs. Lorraine Connoly of San Antonio, Texas and Mrs. Ruth Gardiner and Mrs. Joe Lee Wagonshien, both of Falfurrias, Texas.

Private funeral services will be held at the Bell-Thomas Mortuary chapel Saturday afternoon with Chaplain Frederick Ruder of the U. S. Naval Hospital at Norco officiating. Private interment will be held at Oakwood cemetery in Chatsworth on Monday, with the Bell-Thomas Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Friends may call at the Mortuary chapel after noon tomorrow.

Thursday, May 23, 1957

Mass Set for Sarah Kellogg, Pioneer; Served in Assembly

Death this week had drawn the curtains on the many-faceted career of another San Fernando Valley pioneer—Sarah E. Kellogg, clubwoman and one-time politician. Mrs. Kellogg 86, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Reginald Harris, 1953 La Salle Ave.

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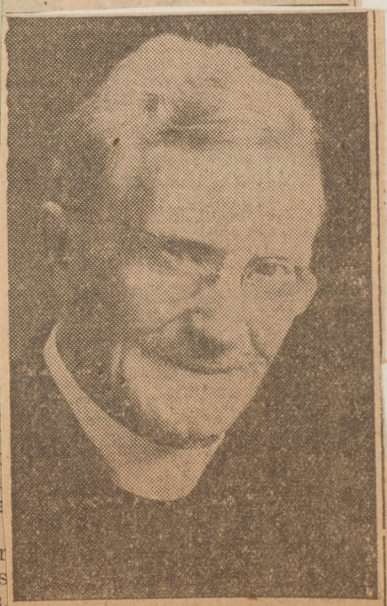
Mrs. Kellogg represented the San Fernando Valley in the State Assembly in the 1930s and was an organizer and third president of Van Nuys Woman's Club, serving in 1916-18.

She and her late husband Fred Kellogg, pioneer Van Nuys realtor, gave the Cedros Ave. site upon which St. Elizabeth's, first Catholic Church in the community, was erected.

Active in Politics

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DR. DAVID FARQUHARSON

Mrs. Malo Amunson Dies; Rites Scheduled Thursday

April 1, 1958 ★

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The Rev. Paul T. Thompson, pastor of Central Christian Church of which Mrs. Amunson was a member, will officiate and burial will be held at Oakwood Cemetery.

Served as Chairman

Mrs. Amunson, who succumbed to a cerebral hemorrhage Monday at Valley Hospital, is survived by her husband Malo M. Amunson; a daughter Betty (Mrs. C. E.) Thomas of 4357 Noble Ave., Sherman Oaks; and a grandson Bruce Thomas 8.

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FEBRUARY 15, 1958
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THE REV. ROYAL BLUE

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APPRECIATION

In behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the memorial service.

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5940 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, California



A Living Memorial

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FORMER PRESIDENT WAS AGE 92

Woman's Club Plans Memorial Rites for Mrs. Charles I. Thacker, Pioneer Member

By ETHEL TAYLOR
Women's Editor

Memorial services are being planned at the Oct. 28 general meeting of Van Nuys Woman's Club which is recessed until next month, for a past president and San Fernando Valley pioneer—Mrs. Charles I. Thacker.

Arrangements for a brief tribute to one of the organization's most devoted workers, are in the hands of Mrs. William T. Voss, Bible section chairman.

Mrs. Thacker, who served as the club's tenth president from 1929 to 1931, was one of three surviving past presidents prior to that date. The club was chartered in 1912 and the Thackers came to Van Nuys a year later.

Active Church Worker

Mrs. Thacker who was 92, died Aug. 24 at her Laguna Beach home, 350 Center St., where she had moved about five years ago. Until that time she had resided at the family ranch on Sherman Way near Kester Ave.

Laguna Beach Funeral Home had charge of final arrangements conducted at Praiswater Chapel in Van Nuys with committal following at Oakwood Cemetery.

The Rev. Rex Lawhead of First Presbyterian Church of Sherman Oaks officiated and read a favorite poem which



MRS. C. I. THACKER
Resident Here Since 1913

Mrs. Thacker had kept in her Bible for many years.

She had been long active in First Presbyterian Church of Van Nuys from the days of Dr. David Farquharson and was a leader there in Women's Missionary Society.

Born in California, Mrs. Thacker was active in Federated Women's Club circles on the local, county and state level and served for many years as nurses' scholarship chairman here with Mrs. Charles Doughty later becoming her cochairman.

Mrs. Thacker was especially proud of the fact that she had been able to keep in touch with the various nurse scholarship winners and corresponded regularly with many of them.

Last year when she returned for the annual past presidents and charter day the club honored her with a scroll lauding her as a "model clubwoman."

Patron of Arts

This past year, however, she had been failing rapidly and was losing both her sight and hearing facilities.

A patron of the arts, she had made a personal hobby of painting, especially on china, and had frequently exhibited her work during club-sponsored shows.

She is survived by a daughter Mrs. Darryl McCoy of Banning, five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Another daughter Mrs. Edna McClure, well known in the Valley, passed away several years ago.

The Van Nuys Woman's Club

Gentlemen's Night

High School Auditorium, Wednesday Evening, June 21, 1916

Program

1. Opening Chorus—"Merry June"_____*Charles Vincent*

Music Section

Let Romeo Make Your Next Suit and You'll Be Satisfied

2. Original Musical Monologues by Miss Frieda Peycke
   - *a. Thanksgiving Guests*
   - *b. Why the Cat Bird Is*
   - *c. The Mother Is Rockiny Her Baby*
   - *d. Chums*

Gentlemen's Suits Dry Cleaned and Pressed, $1

3. Vocal Solos—Mrs. L. D. Wiley
   - *a. Somewhere a Voice Is Calling_____Arthur F. Tate*
   - *b. The Sunshine of Your Smile_____Lillian Ray*

Romeo, Ladies' Tailor, Sherman Way, Van Nuys. Phone 41

4. Miss Peycke
   - *a. The Little Wild White Rose*
   - *b. An Invitation*
   - *c. The Motive*
   - *d. Humanity*

Ladies' Suits Dry Cleaned and Pressed, $1.25

5. Solo—Selected—Mrs. Jack Egbert

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6. Miss Peycke—
   - *a. Story of the Antelope*
   - *b. Indignant*
   - *c. What the Boy Said*
   - *d. The Lost Child*
   - *e. Corporal Punishment*

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